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A Noueltie of so high a nature as this is, (in which all *Christendome*, or the greatest part of it, standeth interessed) should not Present it selfe to the world, without the Noble attendance of Probabilitie and Possibilitie, the one to confirme the Truth, the other to enable the Action: Both which (to cleere vnderstanding eyes) are Wayters vpon this.

For if wee consider the Hate which the *Spaniard* and his Colleagues beare to our Kingdome; It is a likelihood sufficient to per-

perſwades vs, that he is preparing Forces: and if we looke, but vpon his *Indian* treaſure, his Commaund ouer ſeuerall Kingdomes, his Armies in ſeuerall places, and the deſires which his Subiects haue to ſet footing in our Countrey, wee may finde ſtrong arguments of his Poſſibilitie, to begin an Inuaſion, or any attempt elſe.

But becauſe our Nation, are not apt to feare any Spaniſh danger (how lowd ſoeuer it ſpeakes) vnleſſe they heare it roaring at their doores; It will bee no great loſſe of time, to liſten to this ſhort Storie, which the *Spaniard* relates (to this purpoſe) in his owne haughty Language.

The Spaniſh Relation.

BLeſſings from Heauen, and good wiſhes on Earth, be euer attendant on All thoſe, who are zealous in the ſeruice of GOD, and the *Chriſtian* Common-good: as alſo, on this League Vnited together by the Emperor, and celebrated with all the Rites in *Bruſſels* before the moſt Excel-

lent INFANTA, both in regard of the Authoritie, which her *Altezza* (or Highnes) hath in that Citie; as also, for the Scituation, honor, and commodity of the place.

And albeit, I am well assured, that his Imperiall Maiestie, hath with much deliberation and wisdome, made tryall in his Iudgement of all those things which are comprehended in this League; yet notwithstanding (as well to satisfie my selfe as to discharge the duty belonging to my place, which I hold vnder his Catholicke Maiestie) I will briefly set downe my knowledge in this great Businesse, because happily, some may gather the fruit of experience from it, as the Bee suckes Honey out of a bitter Flower.

First then, it hath bin held a matter of great importance, that in this League should bee comprehended, his Holinesse, the Maiesties Imperiall and Catholicke, all the Princes of the House of *Austria*, the Catholick Electors, all the chiefe Princes, Potentates, and Republickes Catholicke, in *Germany*, *Italy*, *Flaunders*, &c. well affected to the *Sea Apostolicall*, and to their

Maiesties. Herein shewing a desire to sow Peace, Quietnesse and Iustice, amongst all those States, ouer which God hath placed them, thereby to establish a new League euerlasting and hereditary, as Friends to Friends, and Enemies to Enemies, with Penall clauses and other necessary Particulars.

Secondly, that this League should bee published and declared by Ambassadors or Agents, (Ordinary or Extraordinary) to all other Kings, Princes, Potentates, and States, which are Friends, albeit not well affected, or being of another Religion. For this must worke one of these two Things; either they must send to this Diet (or Assembly) and enter as the rest doe into the League vpon the same Conditions; or if they refuse so to doe, then are they to bee excluded and barred from any benefit which by the League may arise, and so bee branded with the Notes, markes, and blemishes of Obstinacy, and cuill Hearts, they of the League hereby hauing just cause giuen them, to beware of such people.

Concerning Trade and Commerce, betwixt those of the League, their Friends, Subiects and Vassals; the same libertie shall bee giuen them which heretofore they haue had without Exception, and without any new Customes, Impositions or other Duties, than those necessary Payments which must be dispended to fight against Rebels and knowne Enemies.

What Occurrent, fact, or difference soeuer shall happen betweene any of the Colleagued Princes, or any of their Subiects; it shall bee ended and taken vp by the Soueraigne Prince to whom the acknowledgement thereof doth appertaine, or by him, who with consent of the rest of the League, or the major part, shall be held fit to decide it: and what sentence hee sets downe shall peremptorily stand, vpon paine of being Expulsed from the Societie of the League, or to feele the sharpnesse of their Indignation.

The Pope, Emperor, euery King, Prince, Potentate, and State, which enters into this League, shall giue the Number of such Forces (Horse and Foot) which willingly

lingly they intend to furnish; aswell those which they haue already raised, and paide in their owne Kingdomes and Territories, as of any other Troupes, which they are to raise with all expedition and at their proper Charges, vpon any occasion whatsoeuer, to the due obseruance of the League, which is confederated together for Three speciall ends.

1 *The first, to Conserue Peace, Iustice and Amitie, amongst the Colleagues, and to Chastise any one that falls off, and doth not accomplish what hee promiseth.*

2 *The second, to prevent, curbe and bridle any other Prince, (albeit not one of the League) whensoever hee offers to Invade, directly or indirectly, any of the Confederate Princes.*

3 *Thirdly, to make quicke Warre vpon the Common Enemy, as Rebels, Turkes, Moores, Tartars, &c. Prouided*

uided there bee a generall Consent so to haue it done.

Now, to show, that for euery Prince to deliuer vp the Number of all such men, as hee hath already leauyed and payed, (or the greater part of them) can bee to him no danger or losse, but rather a most assured safetie and profit. And it is first to be considered, that none of them can receiue any harme, seeing they haue the like interest whether they maintaine their men within or without their State. Secondly, concerning the perill, it is certaine that leauying in their ordinary Garrisons, for the time that may be necessary some expert Commanders, and diuers skilfull Souldiers, which euer any Prince vsed to haue without pay onely for his defence, they cannot therefore runne into any perill or danger.

Now, for the third point which is Safetie, It is plaine, that whensoeuer any Stranger shall attempt to wrong any of the Confederated Princes, who punctually haue deliuered all or part of such

Forces as by them are leauyed ; It is moſt certaine (and ſo reſolued vpon) that All the reſt ſhall take his part, and defend him by ſuch meanes, as in their beſt Iudgements ſhall be held fit.

Hereupon it is inferred, that if in the beginning of thoſe troubles and Calamities, which ſet *Germany*, *Flaunders*, *Italy*, and *France* on fire, there had beene ſuch another League with a ready and faithfull Intelligence paſſing betweene thoſe Chriſtian Princes, which were truely juſt, and religiouſly giuen ; Then, it had kept the *Germanes* from Revolting, the *Bohemians*, *Tranſilvanians*, *Hollanders*, and *Palatinate* from Rebelling ; neither, had the *Venetians* euer ſo much as dreamed of an Inuaſion to bee made vpon the Emperours Townes ; no, nor had the *Savoyans* and *French*, put on Armes firſt againſt *Mantua*, and then againſt *Genoa*, wounding (in both theſe times) the Subiects of his Catholicke Maieſtie ; Neither, had the *French* and *Venetians*, ſpotted their Names with ſuch infamous reproaches, for Tearing from his Holines the *Valtoline*, which

vpon

vpon the Accord, and ingagement of the *Christian* King himselfe, was deliuered vp in truſt to the hands of his Holines: Nay more, thoſe other infinite Inſolencies, Sacriledges, and Inhumanities (which for modeſties ſake I bury in ſilence) had neuer beene ſo barbarouſly committed, to the ſhedding of ſo much Innocent blood, the loſſe of ſo much wealth, and vtter ruine of ſo much noble Reputation.

Great hope therefore there is, that ſuch a number of Chriſtian Princes, entring together into this Holy League, there will follow not onely an amendment of Abuſes paſt, but a preuention of many Euils to come. It being held for certaine, that when this League is fully publiſhed and made knowne, all the Oppoſites againſt it, ſhall neuer bee able to beget a ſecond Combination (amongſt themſelues) of ſufficient Power to conteſt or contend againſt the Fourth part of this.

Here followeth the Number both of the Foot and Horſe, (Infantry and Cavallerie) leauyed and ſet foorth by the vnder-named Princes.

THe Pope in regard of the Churches Eſtate, doth offer 1000. Horſe, and 8000. Foot.

The Emperor, in regard of all his States 4000. Horſe, and 20000 Foot.

The Catholick King of *Spaine*, in regard of all his Command in *Spaine*, *Italy*, and *Flanders*, 8000. Horſe, 20000. Foot.

The King of *Poland*, 2000. Horſe, and 4000. Foot.

The Archduke *Leopold*, 500. Horſe, and 3000. Foot.

The Elector of *Colleyne*, 500 horſe, and 3000. foot.

The Elector of *Mentz*, 500. horſe, and 400. foot.

The Elector of *Trever*, 500. horſe, and 3000. foot.

The Duke of *Baviere*, 400. horſe, and 3000. foot.

The

The Duke of *Saxony* (who is a Friend) 400. Horſe, and 3000. Foot.

The Archbiſhop of *Sarzburg*, 300. horſe and 1000. foot.

The Duke of *Newburg*, 500. horſe, and 2000. foot.

The great Duke of *Florence*, 1000. horſe and 3000. foot.

The Duke of *Parma*, 300. horſe, and 1000. foot.

The Duke of *Mantua*, 300. horſe, and 1000. foot.

The Duke of *Modena*, 300. horſe, and 1000. foot.

The Duke of *Vrbine*, 300. horſe, and 1000. foot.

The State of *Genoa*, 1000. horſe, and 4000. foot.

The State of *Luca*, 300. horſe, and 1000. foot.

The *Cantons* Catholicke of the *Swiſſers*, 2000. Horſe.

Which in all amount to 22100. Horſe, and 87000. Foot: a number ſufficient to worke all the Effects before treated.

But if at any time, occcaſion ſhould call

for a greater Army, euery Prince is to bring in his proportionable number, according to the former agreement.

So that vpon any iuſt cauſe, euery Prince muſt ſend in his quantity of Artillerie, Munition, & all other things neceſſary fitting thoſe numbers, which he furniſheth.

Then, that his Holineſſe, with thoſe Kings and Princes, who are furniſhed with Gallies, Ships, or other Defences by Sea, ſhall bee ready with them vpon any occaſion offered, according to that Rate to which they binde themſelues.

Alſo, that the Princes of the League ſhall with one conſent (aduiſedly to be taken) Elect a Generall out of all this aſſembly, who ſhall bee a man of Qualitie, Valour, and Experience ſufficient.

By this meanes, the diuine Maieſtie will aſſiſt and Crowne this holy Enterpriſe, It tending only to his glory and the Exaltation of his holy Name; as alſo, for the generall Peace and Concord, of the whole *Chriſtian* world, and withall to Bridle and Confound all malicious, turbulent, and ill-affected Spirits.

Printed at Seuill *with Authority, by* Simon Fajardo, &c.

The Copie of a Letter from the Catholicke Maiestie of our Lord the King, to our holy Father the Pope, VRBANE *the* VIII.

HOly Father: I receiued your Letters of the 12. of the last Moneth, which your Holineſſe ſent me by the Poſt who came from *Vrbine* and *Poland* to *Millane*. In anſwer of which, I ſay, that before I receiued them, I was well aduertiſed & ſufficiently informed, of all the Nouelties therin ſet downe, and of all thoſe things which are comprehended in the League; for they haue beene many dayes about it, to mold it, and reduce it into Forme, (as in my writings dated the 6. of Nouember,) I haue made it appeare to your Holines. Let them performe the beſt of their power, & doe what they can, yet your Holineſſe knowes, that God is able to effect much more: and I for my part (his diuine Arme aſſiſting me) will (as I am bound) doe my vtmoſt in defence of the Catholick Faith, as my Forefathers haue done before me.

In *Millane* and *Naples*, I haue commanded my Gouernors to joyne their Forces,

to

to diuert the Intentions of thoſe Heretickes which liue there, and to appoint the Rendevous in the State of *Millane*.

Bee your Holineſſe aſſured, that if you haue occaſion to vſe them, you may; for albeit, I giue no Cauſe to haue warre made vpon me, yet (though their numbers be but ſmall) they haue good hearts, ſo that God in behalfe of the Church, will be on their ſide and aſſiſt them.

The Horſe and Foot amount to 80000. men, and if this bee not ſufficient, I haue giuen order to the Duke of *Feria*, to Aduiſe me with ſpeed, who inſtantly and perſonally ſhall haſten to mend it; albeit it bee done with a ſmall number of Men, part of them to bee leauyed out of theſe Kingdomes of *Spaine*, which ſhall riſe to 80000. more.

By this meanes your Holineſſe may both ſee & know the Obedience of ſuch a Sonne, and I the way to ſerue ſo holy a Father, whom God proſper, and guard, for the Augmentation of the Holy Faith as the Catholicke Church hath need, and I deſire.

Madrid, &c.

THus farre our warlike Newes, of Confederations and Vnitings ſo many Princes in a Holy League (as themſelues Chriſten it) has betrayed it ſelfe to you in *Engliſh*, which ſo perfectly and boaſtingly before ſpake nothing but Spaniſh.

And to ſtrengthen this Report, here is another Confirmation ſent by a friend out of Spaine, to his acquaintance in London, in this manner.

Sir, albeit I make no doubt but that the extraordinary preparations of the Spaniſh Fleet, are by Letters arriued in England, yet by reaſon of the frequent houering of the Spaniſh here in Marſeilles, I preſume, you cannot meete a more exact knowledge of the Particulars, then theſe which I ſend you, holding my ſelfe bound to acquaint you with the Truth.

The certaine place of their intended Inuaſion, is not publiſhed; but common muttering whiſpers in our Eares, that it is for England, Ireland, and the Netherlands, yet ſome ſuſpect, it is againſt the Venetians. But leauing that, be pleaſed to caſt your Eye on theſe Particulars following, which are accounted here for truths, and ſo we receiue them.

Galleaſſes	200.
Ships built after the Engliſh faſhion	120.
Hulkes	020.
Pinkes	020.
Catches	020.
In all	330.

Land Souldiers ——— 60000.
Noblemen and Gentlemen being Voluntaries ——— 8000.
Saylers ——— 13000.
Great Peeces of Ordnance ——— 70.
Poysoned Bullets for Ordnance ——— 47000.
Hollow Bullets filled with wild-fire ——— 20000.
Muskets and Caleeuers ——— 12000.
Partizans ——— 1000.

Besides double Cannons, field Peeces: dry-fats filled with old Nayles, and broken Iron, store of Carriages: necessaries for Sea and Land, without number, three thousand Speares, Armours of Musket-proofe, Wines, Biskets, Bacon, Cheese, Beefe, Rice, Beanes, Peafe, Oyle, Lampes, Pipes for fresh water, Torches, Candles, Lanthornes, Hides, large Hogsheads, Wheele-barrowes, Wheeles, Spades, Mattocks, Shouels, Galthrops, Baskets, Boygh-ropes innumerable, and thirtie thousand Pikes pointed with Iron.

The Commanders of this Fleete are to meete with *Spinola*, who is to bee Generall of the Forces.

With *Spinola*, come *Tyrone*, and the Earle of *Argile*, with a great number of Horses, and are to be transported in flat Boats.

The Duke of *Savoy* his Sonne is Admirall of the Spanish, Sir *Robert Dudley* Reare Admirall: Sir *Griffin Markham*, and Sir *William Stanley* Colonels of the Regiments, and one *Neuill* who termes him-

himselfe Earle of *Westmerland*, hath likewise a great command.

There are lately arriued at Lisbone twentie armed Elephants from Persia, for what imployment tis incertaine.

And this is the most remarkable Newes of this Fleet; of which the Turke is so iealous, that hee stands vpon his guard.

With so much does a Letter sent from Marseilles acquaint vs, but from Malaga come these tydings. That there was neuer such warlike prouision and preparation as is now in Spaine: Wine, Oyle, and Vineger to a great quantitie, being made readie with ten thousand barrels of small shot, a thousand Kintals, sixe thousand Breames, or Bottels, sixe thousand Baskets for Pioners, with an incredible number of Spades, Shouels, Scoops, and Mattocks, with powder and wild-fire.

From Dunkirke and other places in the Netherlands vnder the King of Spaine, are expected eightie ships to be ayders in this great Expedition.

Of Spanish *Ships, these are prouided.*

In *Anero*	20.
In *Valencia*	20.
In *Lisbone*	20.
In *Guinny*	50.
In *Cales* and *Anero* Poole	20.

In Saint *Sebastians* ——— 20.
In *Naples* ——— 40.
In *Barcelon* ——— 50.
240.

Malaga thus (as Marseilles did before) hauing thundred out her story of vproares and threatned deuastation: Here steps in a third Trumpetter, and proclaymes other newes, sounding as harshly as the former.

Don Fredericke of *Toledo* is generall of the Army by Sea, and the Marquesse by land, who hath vowed to lay his bones in *England*.

The Generall of the Cauallery, is *Don Carolo* of *Columbo*: Commissions being granted to leuy three thousand Horse, aswell Burgonians, as Lorrainers, and some out of Luremberg.

If the Peace be made in Italy, the greatest part of these Forces, are to goe by Sea, and so to fall into the Spanish Army, which is to set forth on the first of Iuly.

Spanish *Leaders and their Companies.*

Don Iohn of *Euentes* hath a Regiment of tenne Companies.

Don Ferdinando of *Arragon* ——— 10.
Don Diego of ——— 10.
Coronell *Bayard* ——— 10.

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Marqueſſe of *Belvedere* ——— 10.

Three hundred men being in euery Company, which in the fiue Regiments, amount to 15000. beſides two other Regiments, the names of whoſe Coronels, I haue forgotten; ſo that the whole Army conſiſteth of one and twentie thouſand.

Italian *Leaders*.

Pedro Aldobrandino Companies ——— 10.
Marqueſſe of *Gonzales* ——— 10.
Pedro of *Gonzales* ——— 10.

Don Carolo Spinola commands all the Italians.

The common rumour is, that they intend their courſe for Ireland; but the moſt knowing, ſay for England, the Dunkerkers (as it is reported) hauing ſownded all the Sea-coaſt, and aſſuring them an entrance free from all danger.

Amongſt all the Engines and warlike furniture, which comes alongwith them, they alſo bring ſtore of Ouens, and Mils made of Iron or Braſſe, and will make their iſſue by the motion of wheeles, on which they are mounted.

Thus this great Archer of the World (whoſe Bow reacheth from the Eaſt to the Weſt Indies, and whoſe ſtring is twiſted together by the Hands and Hearts of Confederated Kings and Princes) ſhoots his Arrowes at this our Kingdome of England, making account to come and cleane the glo-

ry of it, and then to march backe into Spaine as a Triumphant Conquerour.

This *Nimrod* is a mightie Hunter, and by his good will, would ſtrike downe none but w hole Nations: Hauocke hee cryes what Parke ſo euer hee comes into; and the goodlier the Herds are, the more cruelly does hee ſcatter them. Millions of poore murthered Indians being the Trophies of his bloudy Shambles.

But as the beginning of the firſt *Nimrods* Kingdome, was Babell, ſo the end of this ſecond (Gods Almightie Arme tumbling downe the buildings of his Ambition) ſhall bee Confuſion.

What though fiue Kings complot, combine, and incorporate their Forces in One, to fight againſt *Ioſua*? Let not vs feare, but ſend vp our Cries to Heauen, as the Men of Gibeon (a great and Royall Citie) ſent theirs to *Ioſua*, euen to the Hoſt at Gilgall, and as they to Him, ſo let vs call to God, and ſay, *Withdraw not thy Hand from thy Seruants*; *Come vp to vs quickly, and ſaue vs, and helpe vs*; for all the Kings of the Amorites (Spinolized and Spaniolized Tyrants) thine and our Enemies, which dwell in the Mountaines, are gathered together againſt vs.

Wee muſt ſhake off our ſinnes when wee doe thus, and not cry with a faint and diſtruſting voyce that hee will not heare vs, for if we ſpeake to him as wee ought to doe, Hee himſelfe will

ſay

say thus to our *Ioshua*; *Feare them not, for I haue giuen them into thine hand: None of them shall stand against thee.*

And as the Lord kept his Word with Him, so will hee with vs: Hee will smite these Colleagued Enemies to his Truth and Gospell, *euen to Azekah, and Makkedah*, (their Gibraltars and Magellanes) and as they are chased to Bethhoron (into Spaine) hee will (for their poysoned Bullets prepared to shoote at vs) cast downe great stones from Heauen vpon them, vntill more dye by that haile, then by the sword.

Then shall these Confederated Kings of Ierusalem, Hebron, Iarmuth, Lachish and Eglon, flye to their Caues (their Spanish Dens) vntill the Chiefe Men of this our Israell by our *Ioshua's* command, fetch them forth to set their feete vpon the neckes of such insolent Insulters.

Shall I reade to you, another story of comfort? Hearken then to it.

When *Benhadad* the King of Aram, had assembled all his Armie, with two and thirtie Kings to assist him, hauing great numbers both of Horses and warlike Chariots, hee besieged Samaria; and sending a disdainfull message to *Ahab* King of Israell, thus hee commanded those that went to terrifie him, Tell *Ahab* (quoth hee) *that thy gold is Mine, also thy women and thy faire Children are Mine; or*

else,

elſe, I will ſend my ſeruants vnto thee (as the King of Spaine would now his *Ianizaries* into England) *and they ſhall ſearch thine Houſe, and the Houſes of thy Seruants, and whatſoeuer is pleaſing in thine eyes, they ſhall take it in their hands, and bring it away.*

But *Ahab* taking Counſell of the Elders, did at the ſecond ſending, refuſe to part from any thing.

Herevpon *Benhadad* in a rage fel a rauing, and ſaid, *The Gods do ſo to me, and more alſo, if the duſt of Samaria, be enough to all the people that follow me, for euery man a handfull.*

Poore Samaria was now in a terrible feare, *Benhadad* roared, Iſraell trembled: but God caſting an Eye of Compaſſion vpon their Calamities, and an Eye of Scorne on the others tyrannies, ſent a Prophet to *Ahab*, who told him this good tydings (after one Army ouerthrowne by *Ahab* the yeere before) *I will deliuer this great multitude into thy hands again, and yee ſhall know that I am the Lord.*

His word was true, the children of Iſraell ſtood in the field in the day of Battaile *like two little flockes of Kiddes, but the Aramites couered the whole Countrey:* yet the poore Handfull had the victory: the Sheepe beate the Lions, and ſlue in that day a hundred thouſand Aramites (all footmen.)

It is not Number that preuailes, but good-

neſſe

nesse of the Cause. When Iustice guardes the Standard, Safetie is Generall of the Field.

No matter what proud defiance, a daring *Philistine* throwes into our faces, there is an Arme Omnipotent can direct a Peeble-stone (beeing but put into a Sling) to sticke in the Giants fore-head, both to strike him dead, and confound the whole Armie that comes along with him.

Regard not the Braues of a blaspheming *Rabshecay* sent from *Senacherib* King of Ashur, to the Cities of Iuda, For a voyce from the mouth of the God of Hosts, shall come to an *Hezekiah*, saying thus much. *As for Ashur, Hee shall not enter into this Citie, nor shoote an Arrow at it, nor come before it with a Shield, nor cast a Mount against it; but hee shall returne the way he came, and shall not come into this Citie.* What followed vpon this comfortable promise? *The same night, the Angell went out, and smote in the Campe of Ashur, one hundred fourescore and fiue thousand men.*

Senacherib escaped from the slaughter, but not from Gods vengeance; for afterwards, as in his Temple he was worshipping *Nisroch* (his God) *Adramelech*, and *Sharezer his owne Sonnes, slew him with the sword.*

Many Examples to this purpose may bee brought into the Field, of infinite Armies, of Idolatrous Nations fighting against Iuda and

Israell, and yet were then still (so long as they held in with God) by weake and wasted troupes confounded.

For, God hath still a Red Sea to stand vp an end on either side of *Moses* and the Israelites like a double Brazen wall to guard his people, but to fall downe in rough billowes, to ouerwhelme *Pharao* and his Host.

Yet wee must not presume too much vpon Gods fauour, as if we were his onely Darlings, and all other Nations, Cast-awayes. No there is no such excellence in vs, that hee should dote vpon our beautie, which is nothing else but a lothsome Deformitie.

We haue beene scourged lately, with one of *Dauids* whips, but the Beating is forgotten, and therefore we were best take heed, lest this second Rod drawes bloud indeed. Our sinnes are in our hearts, when our swords are in our hands, and the mustering of the One, frights vs from striking with the other. Turne away the first, and God will teach vs how to turne the second vpon the bosomes of our Enemies.

It is folly to goe into the field to fight, vnlesse God sends out his Priest, to haue vs serue vnder his Colours: Let vs take his pay and wee must needs prooue Noble Souldiers: Euery Englishman make but peace with his owne Conscience, and be carefull that it betrayes him not, and hee needs not feare any Spanish Inuasion.

Spanish

Spaniſh Invaſion? Theſe Thunderings and Lightnings, may bee but Terrors talked of, and not ſeene: or if ſeene, not certainly ayming where to doe miſchiefe: they may hurt others ſooner then Vs: Theſe Spaniſh Canons, happily carrie no Bullets in them, but giue onely a falſe fire.

Theſe Rumours and Tumours, Whirlewinds, Vproares and Combuſtions, filling the Chriſtian World with Amazement, and vs with expectation of ſome dreadfull Monſter to bee preſented to all wondring eyes, may perchance bring forth onely That ridiculous Mouſe, of which the Mountaynes were ſo long in labour.

It is well, if it bee ſo: The *Beati Pacifici* is a ſtring which makes heauenly Muſicke in a Kingdome.

Yet, if wee lift vp our heads, to obſerue what eyes the Spaniard caſts at vs, and what good Prayers he ſhoots after vs; Wiſdome may ſoone perſwade, that hee does not loue vs; if not loue vs, wee are not to truſt Him, (albeit hee lyes ſtill) no more then to truſt a ſleeping Lion or a Maſtiffe: and therefore (not to dandle our ſelues too much vpon the knees of ſecuritie) let vs rowſe vp our Engliſh Spirits, and bee armed, againſt this ſpotted Beaſt doe come, albeit hee bee not comming, leſt with his pawes hee teare vs in pieces, when wee are

not prouided for his dreadfull Encounters.

Spanish Bulles are fierce at the stake, and worse loose, and although in Madrill, Siuill, and others Cities, they baite them for pleasure, in England they would yeeld no such pastime. If Fame therefore, hath taught her thousand Tongues to tell Truth, and that these Castilian Ecchoes mocke vs not with Lyes, Is it not high time for euery man to girt his loynes with the sword, and to fight Gods Battaile, for this Quarrell is against Him?

If this holy League be knit together, to teare Anointed Kings, out of their hereditary thrones, and to turne Nations out of their Natiue Countries; It is not a Holy, but a Deuillish League: A Confederacie of vncleane Spirits: An Vnion of Discord, and Hellish Musicke.

Let those then, who haue commands ouer Narrow Seas (whose Nursing Armes most louingly embrace our Kingdomes body, busie themselues in their Nauall-Military Preparations; whilest they on Land muster together to guard our Kingdomes Heart.

Let our English Nobles giue Heroicall Confrontations to the Spanish *Grandees* and *Dons*: the Gentry hearten on the Commons, and the Commons goe with cheerfull faces, against this Enemie, as their Fore-fathers haue done, when they fetched Honour from other Countries.

Whilest the Diuine prayes at home, for succe-

ceſſe abroad: whilſt the Lawyer ſpends ſome of his Golden Fees, to the maintenance of Souldiers, in ſo glorious a warre: whileſt Citizens open bounteous Purſes, (though they goe not in Perſon) to defend themſelues, and Countrymen: whileſt the ſtrong runne to fight, and the weake looke to their Houſes at home: whilſt the Rich emptie their bagges, to maintaine the poore Souldiers in good clothes and wholſome diet: Nay, whileſt euen the very Blinde and Lame (when they can doe nothing elſe) ſend vp their heartie wiſhes to Heauen (night and day) to crowne our Land with Conqueſt, to confound all bloudie and execrable Confederations with ruine and ſhame, and to ſend home this ſecond Armipotent Armado (if any ſuch there be) in Tempeſts, Whirle-winds and Wracks, as that was in Eighty eight. To which all true hearted Engliſhmen will crie *Amen.*

FINIS.